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1928 (MCMXXVIII) was a leap year starting on Sunday of the Gregorian calendar, the 1928th year of the Common Era (CE) and *Anno Domini* (AD) designations, the 928th year of the 2nd millennium, the 28th year of the 20th century, and the 9th year of the 1920s decade.

Millennium:	2nd millennium
Centuries:	19th century · **20th century** · 21st century
Decades:	1900s · 1910s · **1920s** · 1930s · 1940s
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1928 in various calendars

Gregorian calendar	1928 *MCMXXVIII*
Ab urbe condita	2681
Armenian calendar	1377 ԹՎ ՌՅՀԷ
Assyrian calendar	6678
Bahá'í calendar	84–85
Balinese saka calendar	1849–1850
Bengali calendar	1335
Berber calendar	2878
British Regnal year	18 Geo. 5 – 19 Geo. 5
Buddhist calendar	2472
Burmese calendar	1290
Byzantine calendar	7436–7437
Chinese calendar	丁卯年 (Fire Rabbit) 4624 or 4564

Events

January

- January – British bacteriologist Frederick Griffith reports the results of Griffith's experiment, indirectly proving the existence of DNA.[1][2]
- January 1
  - Estonia changes its currency from the mark to the kroon.
  - Abolition of domestic slavery in the British Protectorate of Sierra Leone comes into effect.[3]
  - Eastern Bloc emigration and defection: Boris Bazhanov, Joseph Stalin's personal secretary, crosses the border to Iran to defect from the Soviet Union.
- January 6–7 – The River Thames floods in London; 14 drown. On January 7, the moat at the Tower of London (drained in 1843 and planted with grass) is completely refilled by the river.
- January 12 – Convicted American murderer Ruth Snyder is executed at Sing Sing.

- January 17 – The OGPU arrests Leon Trotsky in Moscow; he assumes a status of passive resistance.
- January 26 – The volcanic island Anak Krakatau appears.[4][5]
- January 31 – Leon Trotsky is exiled to Alma-Ata.

February

- February 8 – Scottish inventor John Logie Baird broadcasts a transatlantic television signal from London to Hartsdale, New York.[6]
- February 11–19 – The 1928 Winter Olympics are held in St. Moritz, Switzerland, the first as a separate event. Sonja Henie of Norway wins her first gold medal, in women's figure skating.
- February 12 – Heavy hail kills 11 in Britain.
- February 20 – The Japanese general election produces a hung parliament.
- February 25 – Charles Jenkins Laboratories of Washington, D.C., becomes the first holder of a television license from the Federal Radio Commission.

March

- March 12 – In California, the St. Francis Dam north of Los Angeles fails, killing 600.
- March 15
  - March 15 incident: The Japanese government cracks down on socialists and communists.
  - Chinese warlord Shi Yousan sets fire to the Shaolin Monastery in Henan, destroying some of its ancient structures and artifacts.[7]
- March 21 – Charles Lindbergh is presented with the Medal of Honor for his first transatlantic flight.
- March 26 – The China Academy of Art is founded in Hangzhou (originally named the National Academy of Art).

April

- April 10 – *Pineapple Primary*: The United States Republican Party primary elections in Chicago are preceded by violence, bombings and assassination attempts (two politicians are killed, Octavius C. Granady and Giuseppe Esposito).
- April 12 – A bomb attack against Italian Fascist leader Benito Mussolini in Milan kills 17 bystanders.
- April 13 – The West Plains, Missouri Dance Hall explosion occurs.[8]

	— to — 戊辰年 (Earth Dragon) 4625 or 4565
Coptic calendar	1644–1645
Discordian calendar	3094
Ethiopian calendar	1920–1921
Hebrew calendar	5688–5689
Hindu calendars	
- Vikram Samvat	1984–1985
- Shaka Samvat	1849–1850
- Kali Yuga	5028–5029
Holocene calendar	11928
Igbo calendar	928–929
Iranian calendar	1306–1307
Islamic calendar	1346–1347
Japanese calendar	Shōwa 3 (昭和３年)
Javanese calendar	1858–1859
Juche calendar	17
Julian calendar	Gregorian minus 13 days
Korean calendar	4261
Minguo calendar	ROC 17 民國17年
Nanakshahi calendar	460
Thai solar calendar	2470–2471
Tibetan calendar	阴火兔年 (female Fire-Rabbit) 2054 or 1673 or 901 *— to —* 阳土龙年

- April 12–14 – The first ever east–west transatlantic flight by aeroplane takes place from Dublin, Ireland, to Greenly Island, Canada, using the German Junkers W 33 *Bremen*.
- April 14 – Two earthquakes in Chirpan and Plovdiv, Bulgaria destroy more than 21,000 buildings, and kill almost 130 people.
- April 19 – The last section ("wise – wyze") of the original *Oxford English Dictionary* is completed and published.[9]
- April 22 – An Ms 6.0 earthquake affects southern Greece with a maximum Mercalli intensity of IX (*Violent*), leaving 20 dead, and destroying 3,000 homes in Corinth; a non-destructive tsunami is also observed.
- April 28 – 28 inches of snow fall in southern-central Pennsylvania.[10]

(male Earth-Dragon)
2055 or 1674 or 902

A 1928 Ford Model A

1928 Winter Olympics

May

- May 3 – Jinan incident: An armed conflict between the Imperial Japanese Army (allied with Northern Chinese warlords against the Kuomintang's southern army) occurs in Jinan, China.
- May 7 – Passage of the Representation of the People Act in the United Kingdom lowers the voting age for women from 30 to 21, giving them equal suffrage with men from July 2.[11]
- May 10 – The first regular schedule of television programming begins in Schenectady, New York, by General Electric's television station W2XB (the station is popularly known as WGY Television, after its sister radio station WGY).
- May 15
  - The Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia commences operations.
  - The animated short *Plane Crazy* is released by Disney Studios in Los Angeles, featuring the first appearances of Mickey and Minnie Mouse (in a non-distributed film).
- May 23 – A bomb attack against the Italian consulate in Buenos Aires, Argentina, kills 22 and injures 43.
- May 24 – The airship *Italia* crashes at the North Pole; one of the occupants is Italian general Umberto Nobile. A rescue expedition leaves for the Pole on May 30.
- May 30 – Rookie driver Louis Meyer wins his first Indianapolis 500 (he will win that race again, in 1933 and 1936).
- May 31 – South Africa adopts a new national flag, based upon the Van Riebeeck flag or Prinsevlag (originally the Dutch flag), to replace the Red Ensign.

South African flag

June

- June 3 – American serial killer Albert Fish kidnaps and kills 10-year-old Grace Budd.
- June 4 – Huanggutun incident: Zhang Zuolin, a warlord, is killed by Japanese agents in China.
- June 8 – By seizing Beijing and renaming it Běipíng, the National Revolutionary Army puts an end to the 'Fengtian warlords' Beiyang government there.
- June 9

    - Australian aviator Charles Kingsford Smith and his crew complete the first flight across the Pacific Ocean, from the mainland United States to Australia, in the Fokker F.VII aircraft *Southern Cross*. Having left Oakland, California on May 31, they reach Brisbane via Honolulu and Fiji.
    - Ellis Park Stadium, a well-known sport venue of South Africa, officially opens in Johannesburg.[12]
- June 11 – A medical doctors' strike begins in Vienna.
- June 14 – Students take over the medical wing of Rosario University in Argentina.
- June 17–18 – Aviator Amelia Earhart becomes the first woman to make a successful transatlantic flight, as a passenger in a Fokker F.VIIb/3m piloted by Wilmer Stultz, from Newfoundland to Wales.
- June 20 – Puniša Račić kills three opposition representatives in the Yugoslavian Parliament, and injures three others, in a gun attack.
- June 24 – A Swedish aeroplane rescues part of the Italian North Pole expedition, including Umberto Nobile. The Soviet icebreaker *Krasin* saves the rest July 12.
- June 28
    - The keel of the first 1,000 ft (300 m)-long ocean liner, *Oceanic*, for the British White Star Line, is laid by Harland and Wolff in Belfast; construction is delayed, and cancelled on 23 July 1929.
    - The International Railway (New York–Ontario) switches to one-man crews, for its trolleys in Canada.
- June 29 – At the 1928 Democratic National Convention in Houston, Governor of New York Al Smith becomes the first Catholic nominated by a major political party for President of the United States.

July

- July 2 – Charles Jenkins Laboratories' W3XK station begins broadcasting on 6.42 MHz, using 48 lines.
- July 3 – Scottish inventor John Logie Baird demonstrates the world's first colour television transmission in Glasgow.[13]
- July 7 – The first machine-sliced and machine-wrapped loaf of bread is sold in Chillicothe, Missouri, using Otto Frederick Rohwedder's technology.
- July 12 – Mexican aviator Emilio Carranza dies in a solo plane crash in the New Jersey Pine Barrens, while returning from a goodwill flight to New York City.
- July 17 – José de León Toral assassinates Álvaro Obregón, president-elect of Mexico.[14]
- July 25 – The United States recalls its troops from China.
- July 27
    - English cricketer Tich Freeman becomes the only bowler ever to take 200 first-class wickets, before the end of July.
    - Radclyffe Hall's novel *The Well of Loneliness*, with its theme of lesbian love, is published in London.
- July 28 – August 12 – The 1928 Summer Olympics are held in Amsterdam, opening with the lighting of the Olympic flame. Women's athletics and gymnastics debut at these games, and discus thrower Halina Konopacka of Poland becomes the first female Olympic gold medal winner for a track or field event. Coca-Cola enters Europe as sponsor of the games.

August

- August 2 – Italy and Ethiopia sign the Italo-Ethiopian Treaty.
- August 16 – Serial killer Carl Panzram is arrested in Washington, D.C., for burglary. According to his confession, "In my lifetime I have murdered 21 human beings, I have committed thousands of burglaries, robberies, larcenies, arsons and, last but not least, I have committed sodomy on more than 1,000 male human beings. For all these things I am not in the least bit sorry."
- August 22 – Al Smith accepts the Democratic presidential nomination, with *WGY/W2XB* simulcasting the event on radio and television.
- August 25 – Ahmet Zogu proclaims himself King Zog of Albania; he is crowned September 1.
- August 26 – In Scotland, May Donoghue finds the remains of a snail in her ginger beer, leading to the landmark negligence case *Donoghue v Stevenson*.[15]
- August 27 – The Kellogg–Briand Pact is signed in Paris, the first treaty to outlaw aggressive war.
- August 29 – C.D. Motagua is founded as an association football club in Honduras.
- August 31 – *The Threepenny Opera* (German: *Die Dreigroschenoper*), by Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill, opens at the Theater am Schiffbauerdamm, Berlin.

September

- September 1
  - Ahmet Zogu, President of the Albanian Republic, declares the country to be a constitutional monarchy, the Albanian Kingdom, with himself as King Zog I.
  - Richard E. Byrd leaves New York for the Arctic.
- September 3
  - Philo Farnsworth demonstrates to the press in San Francisco the world's first working all-electronic television system, employing electronic scanning in both the pickup and display devices.[16][17]
  - Scotsman, Alexander Fleming, at St Mary's Hospital, London, accidentally rediscovers the antibiotic Penicillin.[18]
- September 11 – *The Queen's Messenger* is the first melodrama broadcast by Ernst F. W. Alexanderson at W2XAD (Schenectady, New York); WMAK (Kenmore) begins broadcasting in Buffalo, New York.
- September 12 – The Okeechobee hurricane hits Guadeloupe, killing 1,200 people.
- September 15 – Tich Freeman sets an all-time record, for the number of wickets taken in an English cricket season.
- September 16 – The Okeechobee hurricane kills at least 2,500 people in Florida.
- September 25 – Paul and Joseph Galvin incorporate the Galvin Manufacturing Corporation (later known as Motorola and Freescale).
- September 28 – Scotsman, Sir Alexander Fleming notices a bacteria-killing mold growing in his laboratory, discovering what later becomes known as penicillin.

October

- October 1 – Joseph Stalin launches the first five-year plan (1928–1932); the average nonfarm wage falls by 50% in the Soviet Union).
- October 2

    - Josemaría Escrivá founds Opus Dei.
    - Arvid Lindman returns as Prime Minister of Sweden, with his right-wing rival Ernst Trygger as Foreign Minister of Sweden.
- October 7 – Haile Selassie is crowned king (not yet emperor) of Abyssinia.
- October 8 – Chiang Kai-shek is named as Generalissimo (Chairman of the National Military Council) of the Nationalist Government of the Republic of China.
- October 12 – An iron lung respirator is used for the first time at Children's Hospital, Boston.
- October 19 – William Edward Hickman is executed at San Quentin State Prison, for the 1927 murder of 12-year-old Marion Parker.
- October 22 – The Phi Sigma Alpha fraternity is founded at the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus.
- October 26 – The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (ICRM) is formally established, with the adoption of the "Statutes of the International Red Cross"*
- October 28
    - Glenn Miller and Helen Burger marry in New York City.
    - The Second Youth Congress is held in Batavia, Dutch East Indies by young Indonesian nationalists, resulting in the Youth Pledge.[19] The Indonesian national anthem, "Indonesia Raya", is introduced at the congress.[20]

November

- November 1 – Turkey passes a law switching the country from the Arabic to the Latin-based modern Turkish alphabet.
- November 4 – Arnold Rothstein, New York City's most notorious gambler, is shot to death over a poker game in a Manhattan hotel.
- November 6 – 1928 United States presidential election: Republican Herbert Hoover wins by a wide margin, over Democratic New York Governor Al Smith.
- November 10
    - The enthronement ceremony of Emperor of Japan Hirohito is held, two years after he actually took the imperial throne on December 26, 1926, following the death of Emperor Taishō.
    - The MGM lion roars for the first time, at the beginning of the film *White Shadows in the South Seas*.
- November 12 – The SS *Vestris* develops a severe starboard list, is abandoned and sinks approximately 200 miles off Hampton Roads, Virginia; estimated deaths range from 110–127.
- November 17
    - 1928 Australian federal election: Stanley Bruce's Nationalist/Country Coalition Government is re-elected with a decreased majority, defeating the Labor Party led by James Scullin.
    - Boston Garden opens in Boston, Massachusetts.
- November 18 – Mickey Mouse appears in *Steamboat Willie*, the third Mickey Mouse cartoon released, but the first sound film and the first such film to be generally distributed.
- November 22 – The one-movement ballet *Boléro* (music by Maurice Ravel, choreography by Bronislava Nijinska) premières at the Paris Opéra, to a commission by Ida Rubinstein.
- November 28 – Persija Jakarta association football is founded as Voetbalbond Indonesische Jacatra.

December

- December 3 – In Rio de Janeiro, a seaplane sent to greet Alberto Santos-Dumont crashes near Cap Arcona, killing all on board.
- December 6 – The government of Colombia sends military forces to suppress a month-long strike by United Fruit Company workers, resulting in an unknown number of deaths.
- December 21 – The United States Congress approves the construction of Boulder Dam, later renamed Hoover Dam.

Date unknown

- The Ford River Rouge Complex at Dearborn, Michigan, an automobile plant begun in 1917, is completed as the world's largest integrated factory.
- Eliot Ness begins to lead the prohibition unit in Chicago.
- The old Canaanite city of Ugarit is rediscovered.
- The women's organisation *Gruaja Shiqiptare* founded in Albania.
- Margaret Mead's influential cultural anthropology text, *Coming of Age in Samoa*, is published in the U.S.
- The Episcopal Church in the United States of America ratifies a new revision of the Book of Common Prayer.
- W2XBS, RCA's first television station, is established in New York City.
- Adolf Hitler's Zweites Buch is published in Germany.

Births

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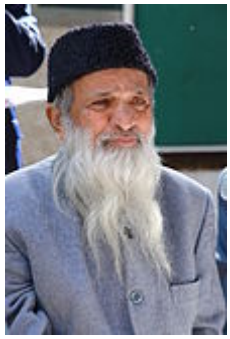
January


Abdul Sattar Edhi

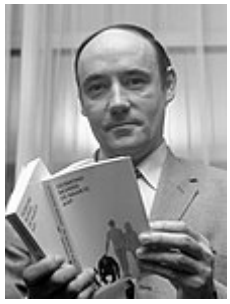
- January 1
  - Abdul Sattar Edhi, Pakistani philanthropist (d. 2016)
  - Gerhard Weinberg, German-American diplomatic, military historian
- January 2
  - Daisaku Ikeda, Japanese religious leader, 3rd President of Soka Gakkai
  - Prince Karl of Leiningen, (d. 1990)
  - Kate Molale, South African anti-apartheid activist (d. 1980)
- January 3 – Abdul Rahman Ya'kub, Malaysian politician (d. 2015)
- January 5
  - Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, President of Pakistan and Prime Minister of Pakistan (d. 1979)
  - Walter Mondale, American politician, 42nd Vice President of the United States and Presidential candidate
  - Qian Qichen, Chinese diplomat, politician (d. 2017)

- January 6 – Vijay Tendulkar, Indian playwright (d. 2008)
- January 7 – William Peter Blatty, American writer (*The Exorcist*) (d. 2017)
- January 8
  - Bab Christensen, Norwegian actress (d. 2017)
  - Slade Gorton, American Republican politician
- January 9
  - Judith Krantz, American novelist (d. 2019)
  - Domenico Modugno, Italian singer, songwriter, actor and politician (d. 1994)
- January 10 – Philip Levine, American poet (d. 2015)
- January 11 – David L. Wolper, American television producer (d. 2010)
- January 13 – Bengt Gustavsson, Swedish footballer and manager (d. 2017)
- January 14
  - Hans Kornberg, German-English biochemist (d. 2019)
  - Ali Akbar Moinfar, Iranian politician (d. 2018)
- January 15 – Joanne Linville, American actress
- January 16
  - William Kennedy, American author
  - Pilar Lorengar, Spanish soprano (d. 1996)
- January 17
  - Ken Archer, Australian cricketer
  - Jean Barraqué, French composer (d. 1973)
  - Vidal Sassoon, English hairdresser (d. 2012)
- January 18 – Terence Higgins, Baron Higgins, English politician and athlete
- January 21
  - Gene Sharp, American political theorist of nonviolent action (d. 2018)
  - Reynaldo Bignone, 45th President of Argentina (d. 2018)
- January 22 – Birch Bayh, American politician (d. 2019)
- January 23 – Jeanne Moreau, French actress (d. 2017)
- January 24
  - Desmond Morris, English anthropologist and writer
  - Michel Serrault, French actor (d. 2007)
- January 25
  - Cor van der Hart, Dutch footballer (d. 2006)
  - Eduard Shevardnadze, Georgian politician, 2nd President of Georgia (d. 2014)
- January 26 – Roger Vadim, French film director (d. 2000)
- January 27 – Hans Modrow, East German Premier
- January 28 – Jorge Zorreguieta, Argentine businessman, politician (d. 2017)
- January 30 – Harold Prince, American stage producer, director (d. 2019)

Walter Mondale

Reynaldo Bignone

Jeanne Moreau


Desmond Morris

February

- February 1 – Stuart Whitman, American film and television actor (d. 2020)
- February 2 – Ciriaco De Mita, Italian politician
- February 4 – Kim Yong-nam, North Korean politician
- February 9
  - George Brady, Czech-Canadian businessman and Holocaust survivor (d. 2019)
  - Frank Frazetta, American illustrator (d. 2010)
  - Rinus Michels, Dutch association football player, coach (d. 2005)
- February 10
  - Alma Adamkienė, Lithuanian-American philologist, philanthropist and First Lady of Lithuania
  - Sissel Sellæg, Norwegian actress (d. 2014)
- February 13
  - Refik Erduran, Turkish playwright, columnist and writer (d. 2017)
  - Gerald Regan, Canadian politician (d. 2019)
- February 14 – Sergey Kapitsa, Russian physicist, demographer (d. 2012)
- February 15 – Luis Posada Carriles, Cuban militant (d. 2018)
- February 18 – John Ostrom, American paleontologist (d. 2005)
- February 19 – Onuora Nzekwu, Nigerian writer (d. 2017)
- February 20
  - Jean Kennedy Smith, American diplomat (d. 2020)
  - Friedrich Wetter, German Catholic cardinal
- February 22
  - Sir Bruce Forsyth, English entertainer (d. 2017)
  - Pushpa Mittra Bhargava, Indian scientist, writer, and administrator (d. 2017)
- February 23
  - Ralph Earnhardt, American racing driver and father of Dale Earnhardt (d. 1973)
  - Hans Herrmann, German racing driver
  - Vasily Lazarev, Russian cosmonaut (d. 1990)
- February 24 – Naqsh Lyallpuri, Indian ghazal (d. 2017)
- February 25 – Paul Elvstrøm, Danish yachtsman (d. 2016)
- February 26
  - Fats Domino, African-American musician (d. 2017)
  - Anatoly Filipchenko, Russian cosmonaut
  - Ariel Sharon, 11th Prime Minister of Israel (d. 2014)
- February 27 – René Clemencic, Austrian composer, record player and conductor
- February 29 – Joss Ackland, English actor

Eduard Shevardnadze

Roger Vadim

Ciriaco De Mita

Kim Yong-nam

March

- March 1 – Jacques Rivette, French filmmaker (d. 2016)
- March 3
  - Bernice Sandler, American women's rights activist (d. 2019)
  - Diane Foster, Canadian athlete
  - Gudrun Pausewang, German young fiction writer (d. 2020)
- March 4
  - Samuel Adler, American composer
  - Alan Sillitoe, English writer (d. 2010)
- March 5 – Yelizaveta Dementyeva, Soviet Olympic canoeist
- March 6 – Zoe Ducós, Argentine actress (d. 2002)
- March 7 – Arthur Dion Hanna, Bahamian politician
- March 8 – Gerald Bull, Canadian engineer (d. 1990)
- March 9 – Robert Adeyinka Adebayo, Nigerian politician and military officer (d. 2017)
- March 10
  - Sara Montiel, Spanish singer, actress (d. 2013)
  - Kiyoshi Atsumi, Japanese actor (d. 1996)
  - James Earl Ray, American assassin (d. 1998)
- March 12
  - Edward Albee, American dramatist (d. 2016)
  - Werner Krolikowski, East German politician
  - Aldemaro Romero, Venezuelan musician (d. 2007)
- March 13 – Douglas Rain, Canadian actor and narrator (d. 2018)
- March 14
  - Frank Borman, American astronaut
  - Félix Rodríguez de la Fuente, Spanish naturalist, broadcaster (d. 1980)
- March 16
  - Karlheinz Böhm, Austrian actor (d. 2014)
  - Wakanohana Kanji I, Japanese sumo wrestler (d. 2010)
  - Christa Ludwig, German mezzo-soprano
- March 18
  - Lennart Carleson, Swedish mathematician
  - Fidel Valdez Ramos, 12th President of the Philippines
  - Mirka Mora, French-Australian artist, cultural figure (d. 2018)
- March 19
  - Arthur Cook, American sport shooter
  - Dequinha, Brazilian footballer (d. 1997)
  - Sutanto Djuhar, Chinese-Indonesian entrepreneur (d. 2018)
  - Hans Küng, Swiss Roman Catholic theologian

Fats Domino

Ariel Sharon

Fidel Valdez Ramos

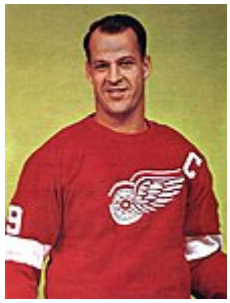
Fred Rogers

- Marceline Loridan-Ivens, French writer, film director and Holocaust survivor (d. 2018)
- Patrick McGoohan, American-born British-based actor of Irish descent (d. 2009)
- March 20 – Fred Rogers, American children's television host (d. 2003)
- March 21 – Surya Bahadur Thapa, 24th Prime Minister of Nepal (d. 2015)
- March 23 – Mark Rydell, American actor, director and producer
- March 24 – Ivar Aronsson, Swedish rower (d. 2017)
- March 25 – Jim Lovell, American astronaut
- March 28
  - Zbigniew Brzezinski, Polish-born American National Security Advisor (d. 2017)
  - Alexander Grothendieck, German-born mathematician (d. 2014)
- March 30
  - Lilia Prado, Mexican actress, dancer (d. 2006)
  - Robert Badinter, French lawyer and politician
- March 31
  - Lefty Frizzell, American country music performer (d. 1975)
  - Gordie Howe, Canadian hockey player (d. 2016)

Surya Bahadur Thapa

Alexander Grothendieck

Jim Lovell


Gordie Howe

April

- April 2 – Serge Gainsbourg, French singer (d. 1991)
- April 3
  - Don Gibson, American country music singer-songwriter (d. 2003)
  - Earl Lloyd, American basketball player and coach (d. 2015)
- April 4
  - Maya Angelou, African-American poet, novelist (d. 2014)
  - Estelle Harris, American actress
- April 6 – James D. Watson, American geneticist; recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine
- April 7
  - James Garner, American actor, producer (d. 2014)
  - Alan J. Pakula, American producer, director (d. 1998)
  - Valeria Sabel, Italian actress (d. 2009)
- April 8
  - Eric Porter, English actor (d. 1995)
  - Algimantas Nasvytis, Lithuanian architect (d. 2018)
- April 9
  - Paul Arizin, American basketball player (d. 2006)
  - Tom Lehrer, American songwriter, satirist
- April 10 – Ashok Mitra, Indian economist, politician (d. 2018)

- April 11 – Ethel Kennedy, American human-rights campaigner, wife of Robert F. Kennedy
- April 12 – Hardy Krüger, German actor
- April 14 – Egil Monn-Iversen, Norwegian composer, pianist (d. 2017)
- April 15 – Vida Alves, Brazilian actress (d. 2017)
- April 17
  - Victor Lownes, American businessman (d. 2017)
  - Cynthia Ozick, American writer
  - Heinz Putzl, Austrian fencer
  - Fabien Roy, Canadian politician
- April 18
  - Karl Josef Becker, German cardinal (d. 2015)
  - Mikio Sato, Japanese mathematician
- April 19
  - Richard Garwin, American physicist
  - Alexis Korner, British musician (d. 1984)
  - Sultan Azlan Shah of Perak, King of Malaysia (d. 2014)
- April 23
  - Olga Harmony, Mexican playwright (d. 2018)
  - Shirley Temple, American actress and diplomat (d. 2014)
- April 24 – Tommy Docherty, Scottish footballer and manager
- April 25 – Cy Twombly, American artist (d. 2011)
- April 27 – Brigitte Auber, French actress
- April 28 – Yves Klein, French artist (d. 1962)

Serge Gainsbourg

Estelle Harris

Maya Angelou

May

- May 1
  - Sonny James, American country singer (d. 2016)
  - Sisavath Keobounphanh, 13th Prime Minister of Laos (d. 2020)
  - Delfim Netto, Brazilian economist, Minister of Finance, Agriculture and Planning of Brazil, professor and congressman
  - Marcelo Pinto Carvalheira, Roman Catholic archbishop (d. 2017)
- May 3 – Jacques-Louis Lions, French mathematician (d. 2001)
- May 4
  - Maynard Ferguson, Canadian jazz trumpeter (d. 2006)
  - Thomas Kinsella, Irish poet
  - Hosni Mubarak, 4th President of Egypt (d. 2020)
  - Betsy Rawls, American golfer
  - Wolfgang von Trips, German racing driver (d. 1961)
- May 8 – Theodore Sorensen, American lawyer, speechwriter (d. 2010)
- May 9

James D. Watson

James Garner

    - Pancho Gonzales, American tennis player (d. 1995)
    - Barbara Ann Scott, Canadian figure skater (d. 2012)
- May 10
    - Mel Lewis, American jazz drummer, band leader (d. 1990)
    - Arnold Rüütel, President of Estonia
    - Lothar Schmid, German chess player (d. 2013)
- May 11
    - Dulce Figueiredo, First Lady of Brazil (d. 2011)
    - Arthur Foulkes, Governor-General of the Bahamas
- May 12 – Burt Bacharach, American composer, songwriter, pianist, and singer
- May 13
    - Enrique Bolaños, 61st President of Nicaragua
    - Édouard Molinaro, French film director, screenwriter (d. 2013)
    - Eugène Van Roosbroeck, Belgian racing cyclist (d. 2018)
- May 14 – Algirdas Šocikas, Lithuanian amateur heavyweight boxer (d. 2012)
- May 16 – Billy Martin, American baseball player, manager (d. 1989)
- May 18 – Pernell Roberts, American actor (d. 2010)
- May 19
    - Dolph Schayes, American basketball player (d. 2015)
    - Dragutin Zelenović, Serbian politician and professor (d. 2020)
- May 22 – Robert A. Frosch, American scientist
- May 23 – Rosemary Clooney, American singer and actress (d. 2002)
- May 24
    - Adrian Frutiger, Swiss typeface designer, cutter (d. 2015)
    - William Trevor, Irish novelist, playwright and short story writer (d. 2016)
    - Jacobo Zabludovsky, Mexican journalist (d. 2015)
- May 25 – Mary Wells Lawrence, American advertising executive
- May 26 – Jack Kevorkian, American right-to-die advocate (d. 2011)
- May 27 – Thea Musgrave, Scottish-born American composer and educator
- May 28 – Ivan Kizimov, Soviet and Russian equestrian (d. 2019)
- May 29 – Felix Rohatyn, American investment banker and diplomat (d. 2019)
- May 30 – Agnès Varda, Belgian-born French director, producer and screenwriter (d. 2019)

Ethel Kennedy

Shirley Temple

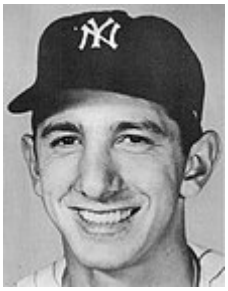
Sonny James

Hosni Mubarak

June

- June 1 – Bob Monkhouse, English comedian, game show host (d. 2003)
- June 3
    - Donald Judd, American artist (d. 1994)

- John Richard Reid, New Zealand cricketer
- June 4 – Ruth Westheimer, German-American sex therapist, film and television personality, and author
- June 5 – Tony Richardson, English film and theatre director (d. 1991)
- June 6
  - George Deukmejian, American Republican politician (d. 2018)
  - Ed Fury, American actor, bodybuilder and model
  - Elio Sgreccia, Italian cardinal (d. 2019)
- June 7
  - James Ivory, American director, screenwriter and producer
  - Charles Strouse, American composer and lyricist
- June 10 – Maurice Sendak, American children's author, illustrator (d. 2012)
- June 11 – Queen Fabiola of Belgium, Spanish Queen Consort of King Baudouin of Belgium (d. 2014)
- June 12
  - Vic Damone, American singer (d. 2018)
  - Petros Molyviatis, Greek politician, diplomat
  - Paul Ronty, Canadian ice hockey player (d. 2020)
  - Richard M. Sherman, American songwriter
- June 13
  - Giacomo Biffi, Italian Catholic cardinal (d. 2015)
  - John Forbes Nash Jr., American mathematician, recipient of the Nobel Prize in Economics (d. 2015)
- June 14
  - José Bonaparte, Argentine Palaeontologist (d. 2020)
  - Ernesto Rafael Guevara de la Serna (aka *Che Guevara*), Argentine-born Cuban revolutionary (d. 1967)
- June 16
  - Annie Cordy, Belgian actress and singer
  - Dagmar Rom, Austrian alpine skier
- June 17 – Juan María Bordaberry, Uruguayan dictator (d. 2011)
- June 18 – Michael Blakemore, Australian actor
- June 19
  - Jacques Dupont, French Olympic cyclist (d. 2019)
  - Nancy Marchand, American actress (d. 2000)
- June 20
  - Eric Dolphy, American jazz musician (d. 1964)
  - Martin Landau, American actor (d. 2017)
  - Jean-Marie Le Pen, French intelligence officer, far-right politician
- June 21
  - Charles D. Baker, American businessman and politician


Billy Martin

Pernell Roberts

Rosemary Clooney

Jack Kevorkian

- Margit Bara, Hungarian actress (d. 2016)
- Avraham Bendori, Israeli footballer (d. 2019)
- Wolfgang Haken, German mathematician
- Fiorella Mari, Brazilian-Italian actress
- Al Mengert, American golfer

Agnès Varda

- June 22 – Ralph Waite, American actor, political activist (*The Waltons*) (d. 2014)
- June 23
  - Aída Judith León, First Lady of Ecuador
  - Klaus von Dohnányi, German politician
- June 24 – Ivan Štraus, Bosnian architect (d. 2018)
- June 25
  - Alexei Alexeyevich Abrikosov, Russian physicist, Nobel Prize laureate (d. 2017)
  - Michel Brault, Canadian cinematographer, cameraman, film director, screenwriter, and film producer (d. 2013)
  - Robert Dean Hunter, American politician
  - Edwin Mills, American economist
  - Peyo, Belgian comics artist (d. 1992)
  - John A. Wickham Jr., American general

Queen Fabiola of Belgium

- June 26
  - Yoshiro Nakamatsu, Japanese inventor
  - Bill Sheffield, 5th Governor of Alaska
- June 27
  - Edward B. Cottingham, American politician
  - Lin Ho-ming, Taiwanese former sports shooter
  - Antoinette Spaak, Belgian politician
- June 28
  - Hans Blix, Swedish diplomat, politician
  - Harold Evans, British newspaper editor
  - Patrick Hemingway, second son of Ernest Hemingway
- June 29
  - Bill Bagley, American politician
  - Alfredo Biondi, Italian politician, lawyer (d. 2020)
  - Hans Cavalli-Björkman, Swedish lawyer
  - James Lincoln Collier, American journalist, musician and author
  - Uri Gallin, Israeli Olympic discus thrower
  - Jean-Louis Pesch, French comic book writer
  - Nick Testa, American professional baseball catcher, coach (d. 2018)
- June 30 – Nathaniel Tarn, American poet, essayist, anthropologist and translator

Richard M. Sherman

John Forbes Nash, Jr.

July

- July 1
  - Karim Allawi Homaidi, Iraqi football player
  - Andreas Aarflot, Norwegian theologian, bishop emeritus in the Church of Norway
  - Birgitta Ulfsson, Finnish actress (d. 2017)
  - Gunnar Möller, German television, film actor (d. 2017)
  - Robert Wemyss, Australian football player
  - Ram Naresh Yadav, Indian politician (d. 2016)

Che Guevara

- July 2
  - Tatyana Piletskaya, Soviet, Russian film, stage actress
  - Line Renaud, French actress

Annie Cordy

- July 3
  - Georges-Jean Arnaud, French author (d. 2020)
  - Pierrette Bloch, Swiss painter, textile artist (d. 2017)
  - Raymond Setlakwe, Canadian lawyer and politician
- July 4
  - Giampiero Boniperti, Italian football player
  - Constantin Enache, Romanian cross country skier (d. 2017)
  - Teofisto Guingona, Jr., 13th Vice President of the Philippines

Martin Landau

- July 5
  - Juris Hartmanis, Latvian-born American computer scientist, computational theorist
  - Pierre Mauroy, Prime Minister of France (d. 2013)
- July 6 – Bernard Malgrange, French mathematician
- July 7 – Paul Wyss, Swiss politician
- July 8
  - Pat Adams, American painter, printmaker
  - Balakh Sher Mazari, Pakistani politician, former Prime Minister
  - Alekos Spanoudakis, Greek basketball player (d. 2019)
  - Ángel Tulio Zof, Argentine footballer, coach (d. 2014)

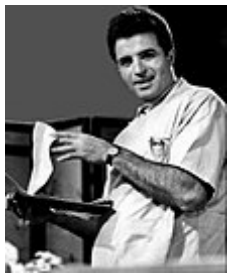
Peyo

- July 9
  - Federico Bahamontes, Spanish road bicycle racer
  - Vince Edwards, American actor (*Ben Casey*) (d. 1996)
  - Nikos Milas, Greek basketball player, basketball coach (d. 2019)
  - Juan Rodríguez, Uruguayan rower (d. 2019)
- July 10
  - John Glenn, American baseball player
  - Jack Nel, South African cricketer (d. 2018)
- July 11
  - Dor Bahadur Bista, Nepalese anthropologist, social scientist and activist (dis. 1995)
  - Carmelita González, Mexican actress (d. 2010)
  - Marcos Calderón, Peruvian football coach (d. 1987)

- July 12
  - Muhammad Naqi Mallick, Pakistani cyclist
  - Elias James Corey, American chemist, Nobel Prize laureate
  - Hayden White, American historian (d. 2018)
- July 13
  - Bob Crane, American actor (*Hogan's Heroes*) (d. 1978)
  - Edgar Espinoza, Venezuelan sport shooter
- July 14
  - Bedabrata Barua, Indian politician
  - Ion Ioniță, Romanian cyclist
  - Haydn Morris, Welsh rugby player
  - Nancy Olson, American actress
- July 15
  - Viramachaneni Vimla Devi, Indian parliamentarian (d. 1967)
  - Pal Benko, French chess grandmaster, author, and composer of endgame studies and chess problems (d. 2019)
  - Nicholas Rescher, German-American philosopher
  - Tom Troupe, American actor, writer
  - Hans Andersson-Tvilling, Swedish ice hockey player
  - Stig Andersson-Tvilling, Swedish ice hockey player (d. 1989)
  - Aleksandr Zasukhin, Soviet boxer (d. 2012)
- July 16
  - Bella Davidovich, Soviet-born Jewish-American pianist
  - Anita Brookner, English novelist, art historian (d. 2016)
  - Jim Rathmann, American race car driver (d. 2011)
- July 17
  - Chris Giles, Irish footballer (d. 2006)
  - Joe Morello, American jazz drummer (d. 2011)
  - David Leach, Australian admiral (d. 2020)
  - Robert Nixon, Canadian politician
- July 18
  - Baddiewinkle, (b. Helen Ruth Elam Van Winkle), American internet personality
  - Manuel Guerra, Spanish swimmer
  - Stig Grybe, Swedish actor, comedian, writer and film director (d. 2017)
  - Simon Vinkenoog, Dutch poet, writer (d. 2009)
- July 19
  - Choi Yun-chil, South Korean long-distance runner
  - Lal Chand, Indian long-distance runner
  - Samuel John Hazo, American author
- July 20

Gunnar Möller

Pierre Mauroy


Vince Edwards

Marcos Calderon

- Belaid Abdessalam, Algerian politician (d. 2020)
- Pavel Kohout, Czech-Austrian novelist, playwright, and poet
- July 21
  - Josefina Echánove, Mexican actress, model and journalist
  - Anne Harris, Canadian sculptor
  - Hirofumi Uzawa, Japanese economist (d. 2014)
- July 22
  - Orson Bean, American film, television, and stage actor (d. 2020)
  - Nick Galifianakis, American politician
  - Jimmy Hill, English football professional, personality (d. 2015)
- July 23
  - Leon Fleisher, American pianist and conductor
  - Vera Rubin, American astronomer (d. 2016)
- July 24
  - Jardel Filho, Brazilian actor (d. 1983)
  - Keshubhai Patel, Indian politician
- July 25 – Dolphy, Filipino actor, comedian (d. 2012)
- July 26
  - Francesco Cossiga, Italian politician, 8th President of Italy (d. 2010)
  - Elliott Erwitt, French-American photographer, director
  - Stanley Kubrick, American film director (*2001: A Space Odyssey*) (d. 1999)
  - Bernice Rubens, British novelist (d. 2004)
- July 27 – Joseph Kittinger, American colonel, U.S. Air Force pilot
- July 28 – Ann Sloat, Canadian politician (d. 2017)
- July 29
  - T. H. P. Chentharasseri, Indian historian (d. 2018)
  - Philippe Bär, Dutch Roman Catholic bishop
  - Li Ka-shing, Asia's & Hong Kong's richest person, major philanthropist

Elias James Corey

Bob Crane

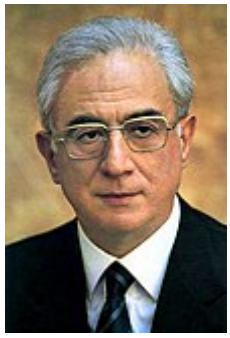
Leon Fleisher

Dolphy

August

- August 1 – Shen Daren, Chinese politician (d. 2017)
- August 2
  - Yoko Tani, French-born Japanese actress, nightclub entertainer (d. 1999)
  - Luigi Colani, German industrial designer (d. 2019)
- August 3 – Cécile Aubry, French film actress, author, television screenwriter and director (d. 2010)
- August 4
  - Udham Singh, Indian Hockey team player, winner of three gold and one silver medals (d. 2000)

- Flóra Kádár, Hungarian actress (d. 2002)
- Gerard Damiano, American adult film director (d. 2008)
- August 5
  - Albrecht Dold, German mathematician (d. 2011)
  - Chung Won-shik, South Korean politician, educator, soldier, and author (d. 2020)
  - Dinesh Chandra Joarder, Indian politician (d. 2018)
- August 6
  - Mary Grant, Ghanaian politician (d. 2016)
  - Andy Warhol, American artist (d. 1987)
- August 7
  - Helen Vita, Swiss chanson singer, actress, and comedian (d. 2001)
  - James Randi, Canadian-American stage magician and scientific skeptic
- August 8
  - Lubor Bárta, Czech composer (d. 1972)
  - Simón Díaz, Venezuelan folk composer, singer (d. 2014)
- August 9
  - Bob Cousy, American basketball player
  - Martin Greenfield, American tailor
  - Gerd Ruge, German journalist, author and filmmaker
  - Camilla Wicks, American violinist
- August 10
  - Peter Barry, Irish Fine Gael politician, businessman (d. 2016)
  - Eddie Fisher, American singer and actor (d. 2010)
- August 11 – Beniamino Andreatta, Italian economist, politician (d. 2007)
- August 13 – Pedro Pedrossian, Brazilian politician (d. 2017)
- August 14
  - Gunnar Andersson, Swedish football player (d. 1969)
  - Lina Wertmüller, Italian film director and screenwriter
- August 15
  - Manfredo do Carmo, Brazilian mathematician (d. 2018)
  - Carl Joachim Classen, German classical scholar (d. 2013)
  - Muhammad Haji Ibrahim Egal, 2-time Prime Minister of Somalia (d. 2002)
  - Abdul Halim Jaffer Khan, Indian sitar player (d. 2017)
  - Nicolas Roeg, English film director (d. 2018)
  - Simone Silva, Egyptian-born French film actress (d. 1957)
- August 16
  - Ara Güler, Armenian-Turkish photojournalist (d. 2018)
  - Shōji Yasui, Japanese actor (d. 2014)
  - Eydie Gormé, American singer (d. 2013)

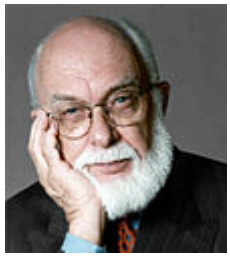

Francesco Cossiga

Stanley Kubrick

Li Ka-shing

Andy Warhol

- Ann Blyth, American actress, singer
- August 17 – Willem Duys, Dutch radio and television presenter, tennis player and music producer (d. 2011)
- August 19
  - Laurette Luez, American actress (d. 1999)
  - Queen Ratna of Nepal
- August 21
  - Chris Brasher, British track and field athlete, sports journalist and co-founder of the London Marathon (d. 2003)
  - Art Farmer, American jazz trumpeter, flugelhorn player (d. 1999)
  - Gillian Sheen, English Olympic fencer
- August 22
  - Ray Marshall, American politician
  - Karlheinz Stockhausen, German composer (d. 2007)
- August 23 – Marian Seldes, American actress (d. 2014)
- August 24 – Levko Lukyanenko, Ukrainian politician (d. 2018)
- August 25
  - Kayo Dottley, American football player (d. 2018)
  - Herbert Kroemer, German-born physicist, Nobel Prize laureate
- August 26
  - Zdeněk Veselovský, Czech zoologist (d. 2006)
  - Saliu Adetunji, Nigerian monarch of Ibadan
- August 27
  - Péter Boross, Hungarian politician
  - Piet Bleeker, Dutch long-distance runner (d. 2018)
  - Mangosuthu Buthelezi, South African leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party
  - Francesco Saverio Salerno, Italian Roman Catholic prelate (d. 2017)
- August 28 — Ed Salem, American football quarterback and defensive back (d. 2001)
- August 29 – Herbert Meier, Swiss author and translator (d. 2018)
- August 30
  - Shirley Huffman, American politician (d. 2018)
  - Johnny Mann, American composer, arranger, and singer (d. 2014)
- August 31
  - James Coburn, American actor (d. 2002)
  - Jaime Sin, Filipino Roman Catholic prelate (d. 2005)


James Randi

Eddie Fisher

Nicolas Roeg

Karlheinz Stockhausen

September

- September 1 – George Maharis, American actor
- September 2

- Muhammad Dandamayev, Russian Babylonia historian (d. 2017)
- Horace Silver, American jazz pianist, composer and arranger (d. 2014)
- September 3
  - A. M. Azahari, Brunei politician (d. 2002)
  - Pilar Pallete, Peruvian actress
  - Gaston Thorn, Luxembourg Prime Minister (d. 2007)
- September 4
  - José Santiago, Puerto Rican baseball pitcher (d. 2018)
  - Dick York, American actor (*Bewitched*) (d. 1992)
- September 5
  - Damayanti Joshi, Indian classical dancer of Kathak (d. 2004)
  - Albert Mangelsdorff, German jazz musician (d. 2005)
- September 6
  - Mirosława Litmanowicz, Polish chess player (d. 2017)
  - Fumihiko Maki, Japanese architect
  - Robert M. Pirsig, American philosopher, author (d. 2017)
  - Yevgeny Svetlanov, Russian conductor, composer and pianist (d. 2002)
  - Sid Watkins, English neurosurgeon (d. 2012)
- September 7
  - Donald Henderson, American epidemiologist (d. 2016)
  - Al McGuire, American basketball player, coach, and commentator (d. 2001)
- September 9 – Sol LeWitt, American artist (d. 2007)
- September 10
  - Roch Bolduc, Canadian politician and civil servant
  - Dencio Padilla, Filipino actor and comedian (d. 1997)
  - Jean Vanier, Swiss-born Canadian Catholic philosopher, theologian and humanitarian (d. 2019)
- September 11
  - Earl Holliman, American actor
  - William X. Kienzle, American author (d. 2000)
- September 12
  - Robert Irwin, American painter
  - M. V. Rajasekharan, Indian member of Rajya Sabha
  - Violeta Vidaurre, Chilean actress
- September 13
  - Robert Indiana, American contemporary artist (d. 2018)
  - Tzannis Tzannetakis, Prime Minister of Greece (d. 2010)
- September 14 – Dick Clark, American politician
- September 15

Marian Seldes

James Coburn

Jaime Sin

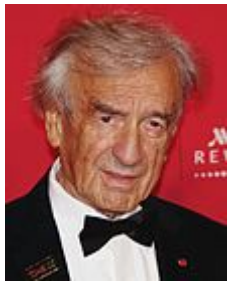
Gaston Thorn

- Cannonball Adderley, American saxophonist (d. 1975)
- Henry Silva, American actor
- September 16
  - Hironoshin Furuhashi, Japanese swimmer (d. 2009)
  - Patricia Wald, American judge (d. 2019)
- September 17 – Roddy McDowall, British actor (d. 1998)
- September 18 – Sigrid Kahle, Swedish journalist, writer (d. 2013)
- September 19 – Adam West, American actor (*Batman*) (d. 2017)
- September 20
  - Jacqueline Desmarais, Canadian billionaire philanthropist (d. 2018)
  - Jack Edwards, American politician
  - Donald Hall, American poet, United States Poet Laureate (d. 2018)
  - Shiro Hashizume, Japanese Olympic swimmer
  - Kirsten Rolffes, Danish actress (d. 2000)
- September 22
  - Justin Marie Bomboko, Congolese civil servant (d. 2014)
  - James Lawson, American civil rights activist and professor
- September 23 –Santiago Vernazza, Argentine footballer (d. 2017)
- September 25 – Victor Gold, American journalist, press secretary (d. 2017)
- September 26 – Robert D. Ray, American lawyer, politician (d. 2018)
- September 27 – Elizabeth F. Neufeld, American geneticist
- September 28 – Koko Taylor, African-American singer (d. 2009)
- September 29 – Mihály Lantos, Hungarian footballer and manager (d. 1989)
- September 30
  - Mirta Díaz-Balart, Fidel Castro's first wife
  - Elie Wiesel, Rumanian-born Holocaust survivor, writer, lecturer, Nobel Peace Prize recipient (d. 2016)

Jean Vanier

Roddy McDowall

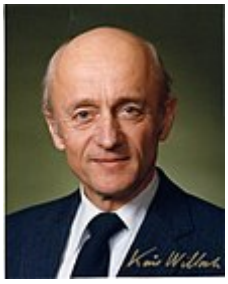
Adam West


Elie Wiesel

October

- October 1
  - Laurence Harvey, Lithuanian-born South African actor (d. 1973)
  - Sivaji Ganesan, Indian stage, film actor (d. 2001)
  - George Peppard, American film, television actor (d. 1994)
- October 2
  - George "Spanky" McFarland, American child actor (d. 1993)
  - Zora Tavčar, Slovenian writer and translator
  - Geert Hofstede, Dutch social psychologist (d. 2020)
- October 3
  - Shridath Ramphal, Guyanese academic and politician
  - Kåre Willoch, Norwegian politician, 23rd Prime Minister of Norway

- Erik Bruhn, Danish danseur, choreographer, artistic director, actor, and author (d. 1986)
- October 4 – Torben Ulrich, Danish tennis player
- October 7
  - Muriel Bevis, American female professional baseball player (d. 2002)
  - Ali Kafi, Pakistani politician (d. 2013)
  - José Messias, Brazilian musician, composer, and writer (d. 2015)
  - Sohrab Sepehri, Persian poet, painter (d. 1980)
  - Abraham Woods, American civil rights leader (d. 2008)
- October 8
  - M. Russell Ballard, American businessman and religious leader
  - Neil Harvey, Australian cricketer
- October 9
  - Einojuhani Rautavaara, Finnish composer (d. 2016)
  - Clare Drake, Canadian ice hockey coach (d. 2018)
- October 12 – Dilbagh Singh Athwal, Indian geneticist, agriculturist (d. 2017)
- October 14
  - Gary Graffman, American concert pianist
  - Arnfinn Bergmann, Norwegian Olympic ski jumper (d. 2011)
- October 15
  - Paul Giambarba, American graphic designer, cartoonist, writer and illustrator
  - María Cristina Arango Vega, First Lady of Colombia (d. 2017)
- October 16 – Nando Gazzolo, Italian actor and voice actor (d. 2015)
- October 17 – Alejandro Végh Villegas, Uruguayan political figure (d. 2017)
- October 18 – Ernest Simoni, Albanian Catholic cardinal
- October 19 – Borisav Jović, 13th President of the Presidency of Yugoslavia
- October 20 – Li Peng, former Premier of the People's Republic of China (d. 2019)
- October 21
  - Vern Mikkelsen, American professional basketball player (d. 2013)
  - Whitey Ford, American baseball player
  - Yu Guangzhong, Taiwanese poet (d. 2017)
- October 22 – Nelson Pereira dos Santos, Brazilian film director (d. 2018)
- October 23
  - Marthe Mercadier, French actress
  - Zhu Rongji, former Premier of the People's Republic of China
- October 24 – Mohammad Beheshti, Chief Justice of Iran (d. 1981)
- October 25
  - Jeanne Cooper, American actress (d. 2013)


Kåre Willoch

Einojuhani Rautavaara

María Cristina Arango Vega

Borisav Jović

- Anthony Franciosa, American actor (d. 2006)
- Paulo Mendes da Rocha, Brazilian architect
- Marion Ross, American actress
- October 26 – Erich Kukk, Estonian phycologist, conservationist (d. 2017)
- October 27
  - Shulamit Aloni, Israeli politician (d. 2014)
  - Datta Gaekwad, Indian cricketer
  - Waldo Holmes, American musician and songwriter
  - Thomas Perrin, Australian cricketer
  - Gilles Vigneault, Canadian singer and poet
- October 28 – Ion Mihai Pacepa, Romanian general
- October 30 – Daniel Nathans, American microbiologist, recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine (d. 1999)

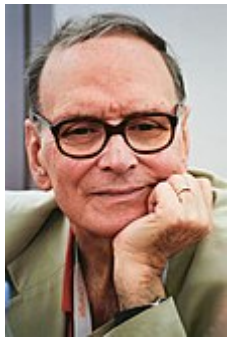
Li Peng

Zhu Rongji

November

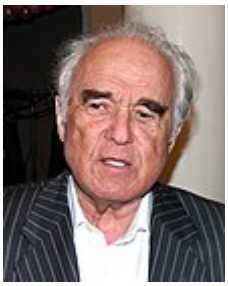
- November 3
  - Ion Dincă, Romanian communist politician and general (d. 2007)
  - Osamu Tezuka, Japanese manga artist (d. 1989)
  - George Yardley, American basketball player (d. 2004)
  - Nick Holonyak, American electrical engineer, inventor
- November 4
  - Mihai Chițac, Romanian general (d. 2010)
  - George Stanich, American high jumper
- November 6 – Zara Steiner, American-English historian and academic
- November 7 – Herbert Flam, American tennis player (d. 1980)
- November 8
  - Natalie Zemon Davis, Canadian-born historian
  - Ursula Haverbeck, German historian
- November 9
  - Anne Sexton, American poet (d. 1974)
  - Werner Veigel, German journalist, news presenter (d. 1995)
- November 10 – Ennio Morricone, Italian composer (d. 2020)
- November 11
  - Ernestine Anderson, American jazz and blues singer (d. 2016)
  - Carlos Fuentes, Mexican writer (d. 2012)
- November 12 – Bobby Baker, American political adviser to Lyndon B. Johnson (d. 2017)
- November 14
  - Kathleen Hughes, American actress
  - Bernabé Martí, Spanish operatic tenor
  - Vitaliy Masol, 3rd Prime Minister of Ukraine (d. 2018)
- November 15 – C. W. McCall, American country singer and politician

Anthony Franciosa


Ennio Morricone

- November 16 – Clu Gulager, American actor and director
- November 17
  - Arman, French artist (d. 2005)
  - Rance Howard, American actor (d. 2017)
  - Betty Kaunda, first lady of Zambia (d. 2012)
  - Amata Kabua, 1st President of the Marshall Islands (d. 1996)
  - Colin McDonald, Australian cricketer
  - Anna Meyer, American female professional baseball player
- November 18
  - Norman Baker, American explorer (d. 2017)
  - Inge Bandekow, wife of German industrialist Harald Quandt (d. 1978)
  - Sheila Jordan, American singer and pianist
  - Salvador Laurel, Filipino lawyer and politician (d. 2004)
  - Lloyd R. Leavitt Jr., American air force lieutenant general (d. 2016)
- November 19
  - Ina van Faassen, Dutch actress, comedian (d. 2011)
  - Dara Singh, Indian wrestler, actor and politician (d. 2012)
- November 20
  - Aleksey Batalov, Russian actor (d. 2017)
  - Pedro Ferrándiz, Spanish basketball coach
  - Pete Rademacher, American boxer (d. 2020)
- November 21 – Augustin Bubník, Czech ice hockey player, coach and politician (d. 2017)
- November 23 – Elmarie Wendel, American actress and singer (d. 2018)
- November 28
  - Toaripi Lauti, 1st Prime Minister of Tuvalu (d. 2014)
  - Arthur Melvin Okun, American economist (d. 1980)
  - Piet Steenbergen, Dutch footballer (d. 2010)
  - Bano Qudsia, Pakistani writer (d. 2017)
- November 29
  - Paul Simon, U.S. Senator from Illinois (d. 2003)
  - Tahir Salahov, Azerbaijani painter and educator
- November 30
  - Takako Doi, Japanese politician (d. 2014)
  - Joe B. Hall, American basketball coach
  - Steele Hall, Australian politician
  - Peter Hans Kolvenbach, Dutch Superior General of the Society of Jesus (d. 2016)
  - Karin Söder, Swedish politician (d. 2015)

Carlos Fuentes


Vitaliy Masol

Dara Singh

December

- December 2 – Guy Bourdin, French fashion photographer (d. 1991)

- December 3
  - Karin Bang, Norwegian writer (d. 2017)
  - Michel Adama-Tamboux, Central African politician and diplomat (d. 2018)
  - Barbara Probst Solomon, American author, essayist and journalist (d. 2019)
- December 4
  - Lajos Somodi Sr., Hungarian fencer (d. 2012)
  - Hebe de Bonafini, Argentine activist
- December 6 – Stanley Clinton-Davis, Baron Clinton-Davis, English politician and solicitor
- December 7 – Noam Chomsky, American linguist
- December 9
  - André Milhoux, Belgian racing driver
  - Dick Van Patten, American actor (d. 2015)
- December 10 – Barbara Nichols, American actress (d. 1976)
- December 12 – Lionel Blair, English actor, choreographer, dancer and television presenter
- December 13 – Nati Mistral, Spanish actress (d. 2017)
- December 15
  - Ida Haendel, Polish-British violinist (d. 2020)
  - Friedensreich Hundertwasser, Austrian artist (d. 2000)
- December 16
  - Bruce Ames, American biochemist
  - Philip K. Dick, American science fiction author (d. 1982)
  - Friedrich Wilhelm Schnitzler, German landowner, politician (CDU), manager and businessman (d. 2011)
- December 17
  - George Lindsey, American actor (d. 2012)
  - Francis George Adeodatus Micallef, Maltese Roman Catholic prelate (d. 2018)
- December 18 – Galt MacDermot, Canadian-American composer, pianist (d. 2018)
- December 19
  - Eve Bunting, Irish-American author
  - Guy Razanamasy, 2-time Prime Minister of Madagascar (d. 2011)
- December 21
  - Ed Nelson, American actor (d. 2014)
  - Colleen Townsend, American actress and author
- December 22 – Piero Angela, Italian writer, journalist and television presenter
- December 23 – Roger Jepsen, American politician
- December 25

Noam Chomsky

Dick Van Patten

Barbara Nichols

Martin Cooper

- Dick Miller, American actor (d. 2019)
- John Njenga, Kenyan Roman Catholic prelate (d. 2018)
- December 26 – Martin Cooper, American inventor, "Father of the mobile phone"
- December 28 – Bill Gradison, American politician
- December 29 – Bernard Cribbins, English actor, comedian and singer
- December 30
  - Bo Diddley, African-American musician (d. 2008)
  - Janez Zemljarič, Slovenian politician
- December 31
  - Veijo Meri, Finnish writer (d. 2015)
  - Siné, French cartoonist (d. 2016)
  - Tatyana Shmyga, Soviet-Russian operetta/musical theatre performer (d. 2011)

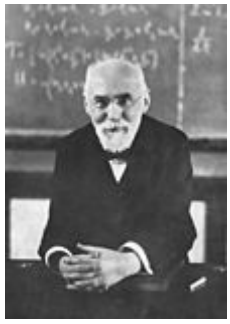
Bo Diddley

Deaths

January

- January 1 – Loie Fuller, American dancer (b. 1862)
- January 3
  - Dorothy Donnelly, American actress, songwriter (b. 1880)
  - Emily Stevens, American actress (b. 1882)
- January 6 – Alvin Kraenzlein, American athlete (b. 1876)
- January 11 – Thomas Hardy, British writer (b. 1840)
- January 12 – Ruth Snyder, American murderer (executed) (b. 1895)
- January 16 – Bernhard III, Duke of Saxe-Meiningen (b. 1851)
- January 21
  - Nikolai Astrup, Norwegian painter (b. 1880)
  - Sir John de Robeck, British admiral (b. 1862)
- January 22 – Victor Blue, American admiral (b. 1865)
- January 25 – Charles Gorman, American actor (b. 1865)
- January 28 – Vicente Blasco Ibáñez, Spanish novelist, screenwriter (b. 1867)
- January 29 – Douglas Haig, 1st Earl Haig, British soldier (b. 1861)
- January 30 – Johannes Fibiger, Danish scientist, recipient of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine (b. 1867)

Bernhard III, Duke of Saxe-Meiningen


Hendrik Lorentz

February

- February 1 – Hughie Jennings, American baseball player, MLB Hall of Famer (b. 1869)
- February 4 – Hendrik Lorentz, Dutch physicist, Nobel Prize laureate (b. 1853)
- February 7 – Adolfo de Carolis, Italian painter (b. 1874)
- February 8 – Theodor Curtius, German chemist (b. 1857)

- February 12 – Manfred von Clary-Aldringen, Austro-Hungarian nobleman, statesman and former Prime Minister of Austria (b. 1852)
  - Nicolás Guzmán Bustamante – Chilean painter and draftsman (b. 1850)
- February 15 – H. H. Asquith, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (b. 1852)
- February 16 – Eddie Foy, American vaudevillian (b. 1856)
- February 25 – Toribio Romo González, Mexican Roman Catholic priest, martyr and saint (b. 1900)
- February 26 – Juan Vázquez de Mella, Spanish scholar, politician (b. 1861)
- February 27 – Karl Max, Prince Lichnowsky, German diplomat, noble (b. 1860)
- February 28 – Armando Diaz, Italian general, Marshal of Italy (b. 1861)

H. H. Asquith

March

- March 7 – Robert Abbe, American surgeon (b. 1851)
- March 10 – Mateo Elias Nieves Castillo, Mexican Roman Catholic priest and blessed (b. 1882)
- March 19
  - Nora Bayes, American singer, actress (b. 1880)
  - Emil Wiechert, German physicist and geophysicist (b. 1861)
- March 21 – Edward Walter Maunder, British astronomer (b. 1851)
- March 31 – Medardo Rosso, Italian sculptor (b. 1858)

April

- April 2 – Theodore William Richards, American chemist, Nobel Prize laureate (b. 1868)
- April 5 – Roy Kilner, English cricketer (b. 1890)
- April 13 – Gonzalo Córdova, 21st President of Ecuador (b. 1863)
- April 16 – Pavel Axelrod, Russian Menshevik (b. 1850)
- April 19 – Dorus Rijkers, famous Dutch sailor, savior of over 500 men, women and children (b. 1847)
- April 22
  - Warner B. Bayley, United States Navy rear admiral (b. 1845)
  - Frank Currier, American actor (b. 1857)
- April 25
  - Floyd Bennett, American aviator (b. 1890)
  - Pyotr Nikolayevich Wrangel, Russian general, anti-Bolshevik leader (b. 1878)
- April 27 – Alessandro Guidoni, Italian air force general (b. 1880)

Roald Amundsen

May

- May 1 – Sir Ebenezer Howard, British urban planner (b. 1850)
- May 8 – Clara Williams, American actress (b. 1888)

- May 10 – Ivan Merz, Yugoslav Roman Catholic blessed (b. 1896)
- May 18
  - Moritz von Auffenberg, Austro-Hungarian general and politician (b. 1852)
  - Bill Haywood, American labor leader (b. 1869)
- May 19
  - Max Scheler, German philosopher (b. 1874)
  - Henry F. Gilbert, American composer (b. 1868)
- May 22 – Francisco López Merino, Argentine poet (b. 1904)

June

- June 2 - Otto Nordenskjöld, Finnish and Swedish geologist, geographer, and polar explorer (b. 1869)
- June 3
  - Alexander Hamilton, American priest and blessed (b. 1847)
  - Li Yuanhong, Fourth President of the Republic of China (b. 1864)
- June 4 – Zhang Zuolin, Chinese warlord (assassinated) (b. 1875)
- June 5 – Sir Liege Hulett, South African politician, sugar magnate (b. 1838)
- June 12 – Salvador Díaz Mirón, Mexican poet (b. 1853)
- June 13 – Charles Wynn-Carington, 1st Marquess of Lincolnshire, British politician and colonial governor (b. 1843)
- June 14 – Emmeline Pankhurst, British women's suffrage campaigner (b. 1858)
- June 16 – Mark Keppel, Superintendent of Los Angeles County Schools (b. 1867)
- June 17 – Euphemia Wilson Pitblado, American activist, social reformer, and writer (b. 1849)
- June 18 – Roald Amundsen, Norwegian polar explorer (b. 1872)
- June 22
  - A. B. Frost, American illustrator (b. 1851)
  - George Siegmann, American actor (b. 1882)
- June 24 – Holbrook Blinn, American actor (b. 1872)
- June 28 – Leo Ditrichstein, Austrian-born actor, playwright (b. 1865)

July

Wilhelm Wien

- July 1 – Frankie Yale, American gangster (b. 1893)
- July 17
  - Álvaro Obregón, Mexican military officer, 39th President of Mexico (assassinated) (b. 1880)[14]
  - Giovanni Giolitti, Italian politician, 13th Prime Minister of Italy (b. 1842)
- July 21
  - Mihail Savov, Bulgarian general (b. 1857)
  - Dame Ellen Terry, British actress (b. 1847)
- July 22 – William M. Folger, American admiral (b. 1844)
- July 30 – John Christopher Cutler, 2nd Governor of Utah (suicide) (b. 1905)

August

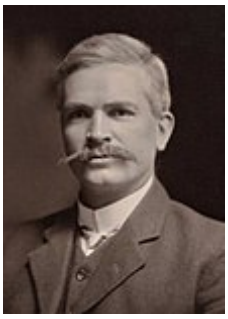
- August 8
  - Frederick II, Grand Duke of Baden (b. 1857)
  - Stjepan Radić, Croatian politician (assassinated) (b. 1871)
- August 12 – Leoš Janáček, Czech composer (b. 1854)
- August 16 – Carlo Del Prete, Italian aviator (b. 1897)
- August 17 – Sir George Trevelyan, 2nd Baronet, British statesman and author (b. 1838)
- August 19
  - Richard Haldane, 1st Viscount Haldane, British politician, lawyer (b. 1856)
  - Stephanos Skouloudis, 34th Prime Minister of Greece (b. 1838)
- August 27 – Émile Fayolle, French general (b. 1852)
- August 30
  - Sir Hugh Evan-Thomas, British admiral (b. 1862)
  - Wilhelm Wien, German physicist, Nobel Prize laureate (b. 1864)

September

- September 9 – Urban Shocker, American baseball player (b. 1890)
- September 13 – Italo Svevo, Italian writer, businessman (b. 1861)
- September 29 – John Devoy, Irish rebel leader, exile (b. 1842)
- September (unknown date) – Ioan Culcer, Romanian general and politician (b. 1853)

October

- October 1 – Cecilia Eusepi, Italian religious leader and blessed (b. 1910)
- October 8 – Larry Semon, American film actor (b. 1889)
- October 13 – Dagmar of Denmark, later Maria Fyodorovna, wife of Tsar Alexander III and Empress Consort of Russia (b. 1847)
- October 22 – Andrew Fisher, 5th Prime Minister of Australia (b. 1862)
- October 24 – Arthur Bowen Davies, American artist (b. 1863)
- October 30 – Robert Lansing, U.S. Secretary of State (b. 1864)
- October 31 – John William Wood, Sr., North Carolinian politician, founder of Benson, North Carolina (b. 1855)


Andrew Fisher

November

- November 5 – Vlasios Tsirogiannis, Greek general (b. 1872)
- November 6 – Arnold Rothstein, Jewish-American businessman, gangster (b. 1882)
- November 10 – Alexander Trepov, former Prime Minister of the Russian Empire (b. 1862)
- November 13
  - Enrico Cecchetti, Italian ballet dancer (b. 1850)
  - Oskar Victorovich Stark, Russian admiral, explorer (b. 1846)

Arnold Rothstein

- November 17 – Lala Lajpat Rai (*The Lion of Punjab*), Indian independence movement leader (b. 1865)
- November 18 – Mauritz Stiller, Finnish screenwriter, director (b. 1883)
- November 21 – Heinrich XXVII, Prince Reuss Younger Line (b. 1858)
- November 24 – Alphonse Jacques de Dixmude, Belgian general (b. 1858)
- November 26 – Reinhard Scheer, German admiral (b. 1863)
- November 27 – Frank Hedges Butler, British wine merchant, founding member of the Aero Club of Great Britain (b. 1855)

Heinrich XXVII, Prince Reuss Younger Line

December

- December 1
  - Arthur Gore, British tennis player (b. 1868)
  - José Eustasio Rivera, Colombian writer (b. 1888)
- December 2 – Hallam Tennyson, 2nd Baron Tennyson, 2nd Governor-General of Australia (b. 1852)
- December 10 – Charles Rennie Mackintosh, British architect (b. 1868)
- December 11 – Lewis Howard Latimer, American inventor (b. 1848)
- December 12 – Patriarch Gregory IV of Antioch (b. 1859)
- December 13 – Joseph Bucklin Bishop, American journalist and publisher (b. 1847)
- December 14
  - Theodore Roberts, American actor (b. 1861)
  - Pierre Ruffey, French general (b. 1851)
- December 16 – Elinor Wylie, American poet, novelist (b. 1885)
- December 17 – Eglantyne Jebb, British human rights activist, co-founder of *Save the Children* (b. 1876)
- December 21 – Luigi Cadorna, Italian general (b. 1850)
- December 25 – Fred Thomson, American actor (b. 1890)

Nobel Prizes

- Physics – Owen Willans Richardson
- Chemistry – Adolf Otto Reinhold Windaus
- Physiology or Medicine – Charles Jules Henri Nicolle
- Literature – Sigrid Undset
- Peace – not awarded

In fiction

- This year is the setting of the video game *Blood* (1997) retroactively dated in the game's sequel *Blood II: The Chosen* (1998)
- This is the year that the Stargate is discovered in Giza, Egypt, near the Great Pyramids, as seen in the film *Stargate* (1994).

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